

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for and method of utilizing an Internet terminal coupled to the world
5 wide web to access a legacy data base management system having a dialog-based request
format using a standardized object-based command language, such as JavaScript, rather
than the proprietary command language native to the legacy data base management
system. This approach leverages the power of the legacy data base management without
the need for the user to become familiar with the proprietary command language of the
10 legacy data base management system. The approach is particularly efficient in that the
user can easily specify the extent to which the dataset associated with honoring of the
service request will be left in its original state or a modified state.